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 For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR *IN VIVO* AND *IN VITRO* ATTENUATION OF
 GENE EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 22, 2006, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from March 22, 2007 to June 22, 2007.

Please charge the amount of \$510 to cover the required extension fee, and charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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